SUBJECT No. 89.

Additional powers to *inamdars*.

Mr. A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In their present condition the *inamdars* have no power or influence for good. To improve their status and condition it is necessary to invest them with some more powers than can at present be granted by the Land Revenue Code. The exercise of these powers may be made subject to appeal to the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Sub-Division. The *inamdar* of any entire village or portion of any village having a general power of attorney from all the sharers may be invested with the following powers:—Power to impose fines up to Rs. 5—

(*a*) in cases of encroachments on roads, ways, lanes, beds of tanks and the waste lands of the *inamdars*;

(*b*) in cases where the boundary marks have been tampered with;

(*c*) in cases of a breach of the sanitary rules;

(*d*) in cases when the *toti*, *chakra* and *nirganti* or such other village servant does not obey the legal orders of the *inamdars*;

(*e*) in cases where offences coming under the category of channel offences in the *sirkar* villages, are committed regarding a tank or channel situated in an *inam* village.

If the power to fine up to five rupees is considered too much, the maximum amount of the fine may be fixed at one rupee. The powers may be given to only such of the *inamdars* as are fit to exercise them. Under the present system *inamdars* have no consideration whatever paid to them in their villages.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.—The power is not necessary. It will also be prejudicial to the interests of the ryots.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The ryots require special protection from the *inamdars* who habitually neglect their duties. The tanks in inam villages have been allowed to deteriorate greatly. The ryots cannot get their grievances easily redressed. It will be very dangerous to increase the powers of the *inamdar*.

Reply of Government.—*Inamdars* cannot as *inamdars* be given the power to fine, which is a power to be exercised by public functionaries. In framing a regulation for the appointment of Village Magistrates provision will be made to invest competent *inamdars* with the powers of a village magistrate.

SUBJECT No. 90.

Powers to *inamdars* to fine in cases of unauthorized cultivation.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggadadevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The ryots of *inam* villages unauthorizedly cultivate waste lands and the *inamdars* are not empowered to fine them. It is prayed that the power of fining in such cases be given to *inamdars*. If